

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear fellow people of God worshipping at Shelter Baptist Church,

That God is present and at work among us in Shelter Baptist Church is evidenced by the growing sense of excitement among many of us of our destiny as Christians – a destiny that is glorious as we experience and then share with others on the outworking of God's grace and power upon our lives.

We are ordinary people but believe that God will manifest extraordinary things in and through us so we can grow significantly as impactful and faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We in Shelter are much blessed by God, who over the years has always taken care of our needs, whether materially or spiritually. There is a greater sense of bonding among us and God has endowed us with sacrificial leaders and dedicated members, united in the common bond that God is the reason why we are in Shelter and we purpose to serve and honour Him through Shelter.

We believe the time has now come where we will use all our endowments and giftings to bless others. This is the opportune time as we believe it is God's call to us to reach out to the community and in the process God will multiply the people worshipping at Shelter Baptist Church.

Therefore we today carry a vision that bears twin objectives:

One is to impact society in Singapore by adding value to our existence as a church as we bring the love of Christ through community outreach, the other is to encourage and motivate our Christian community towards genuine bonding and partnership with church growth as our goal.

This twin objective is the result of God's providence to us of new premises and a new spirit among us, a spirit of togetherness and determination to honour the Name of Christ through the growth of His church.

We are thus establishing a community outreach ministry as a key ministry of Shelter Baptist Church and will make concerted efforts to raise the impact of our youths and young adults to spearhead the transformation and growth of the church.

Our direction and action plans will thus be as follows:

1. We will identify and source impactful and competent leaders from both internal and external sources to facilitate the growth of Shelter.
2. We will rally our church people towards an increased passion to pray, to give and to serve for the growth of the church.
3. When we move into our new premises our pledge to God is to avail our premises and resources to bless society and other Christian bodies. Our church belongs to God and must be available to God's people, no matter from which church they worship.

God has given us diverse gifts so that each of us can play our part as participants of God's work in growing Shelter Baptist Church. Let us encourage one another to grow in faith and serve with a sacrificial spirit as we share in the excitement of experiencing God at work among us.

Your fellow servant in Christ

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